



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners
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REGULAR MEETING
February 28, 2007

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman
Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Secretary (by telephone)
Michael J. Robb, D.C., Professional Member
Toni Karnas, Public Member (by telephone)
Diane Pruetz, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Vacancy, Public Member
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Attorney General Representative:

Seth Hargraves

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

II. Board Meeting Minutes – Review, Discussion, and Action

Board Member Balensi moved for the adoption of the January 24, 2007 meeting minutes and Board Member Robb provided a second to the motion. The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

No complaints were scheduled.

IV. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Board Member Pruetz moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Estrada providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 5-0 vote.

- A. Donald A. Matesz
- B. Andrea Joscelyn-Nivette
- C. Sami Kay Rank
- D. Linda A. Lee
- E. Daniel Taylor
- F. Joshua E. Ferber
- G. Ryan J. Cashman

V. Consideration of Applicants for Auricular Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

No applications were presented.

VI. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action

No other applications were presented.

VII. Professional Business—Review, Discussion and Action

A. Election of Board Officers

Board Member Pruetz nominated Della Estrada for Chairman with a second provided by Board Member Balensi. The motion was approved with 4 votes in favor and Board Member Estrada abstained from voting.

Board Member Estrada nominated Board Member Balensi for Secretary and the motion was seconded by Board Member Pruetz. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

B. Review of Fees

The 2007 Fee Schedule was proposed with a change from \$15 to \$25 for the list of acupuncturists. Board Member Pruetz moved for approval of the 2007 Fee Schedule and Board Member Estrada provided a second. The motion was passed with a 5-0 vote.

C. Legislation Update

The Executive Director explained the contents of HB 2215 in regards to non-disciplinary actions taken by regulatory boards. No action was taken by the Board.

D. Review of Draft Rule Changes

The Board continued the review of its rules currently in place. Discussion focused on the thought of rules pertaining to application information requested by the Board.

VIII. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director provided an update of the FY 2008-09 budget recommendations by the Governor's budget office (OSPB) and the Legislature's Budget Office (JLBC). The Joint Sub-Appropriations Committee approved the Board budget request on February 12, 2007.

Executive Director Gonzalez reported that a records and retention schedule has been established to facilitate the process of licensee records that expire and lapse.

In addition, the office is working to update information found on the Board web page and exploring some options on how best to communicate with licensees via email.

The Board was informed the offices of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) have been relocated from the Washington D.C. area to Jacksonville, Florida. This organization provides and manages the national level examinations for acupuncture.

The National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) has begun to provide documentation required for auricular acupuncture applications electronically and is working with the board office on additional enhancements.

IX. Future Agenda Items—Review, Discussion and Action

Chairman Estrada presented the idea of having a future training session for board members.

X. Future Meeting Dates—Review, Discussion and Action

March 28, 2007

April 25, 2007

XI. Call to the Public

There were no calls from the public.

XII. Adjournment

Board Member Pruetz moved for adjournment and Board Member Robb provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0. The Board adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: April 25, 2007